

**SIEMENS**

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 2002P00676WOUS

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Inventor:	N. Cox et al.	)	
		)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.:	Not Yet Assigned	)	
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Title: COMPONENT COMPRISING A MASKING LAYER

**Commissioner For Patents**  
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application  
as follows.